IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Benjamin H. MALKA et al.) Group Art Unit: 3696
Application No.: 10/712,353) Examiner: COLBERT, Ella
Filed: November 14, 2003))
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING A FINANCIAL INVESTMENT FUND) Confirmation No.: 1450

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 22, 2009, the period for response having been extended through May 22, 2009, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and as a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.